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## **Lt. Governor Karyn Polito Announces Fourth Year of Community Compact Cabinet**

*Kicks off Community Compact Collaboration Discussions for state and local leaders to share best practices*

**PALMER** – Today, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito kicked off the fourth year of the Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) program offering the Best Practice program, Efficiency and Regionalization program and IT Grant program for Fiscal Year 2019. She also announced a series of regional Community Compact Collaboration discussions that will focus on the best practices developed and implemented through the Community Compact program. The first discussion was held in Palmer where town officials from Palmer, Warren and Brookfield will discuss the towns' best practices.

Developing strong partnerships with our municipalities continues to be a top priority for the Baker-Polito Administration. The first three years of the Community Compact Cabinet program have served as an important tool for the Administration's local partners, with all 351 cities and towns signing up for the Best Practice program, more than 220 municipalities and school districts receiving Efficiency and Regionalization grants and more than 140 municipalities receiving funds from the IT Grant program.

"As former local officials, Governor Baker and I understand the importance of partnering with municipalities at the local level and have used the Community Compact program to build stronger communities across the Commonwealth," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.** "We look forward to a series of regional conversations that will help us continue learning about opportunities that will bring additional opportunities to all 351 cities and towns."

The Community Compact Collaboration roundtables will provide towns that have

selected similar best practices the opportunity to discuss the Community Compact program with the Lt. Governor as well as the ways in which the program and best practices address the original issue identified by the town. The discussions will showcase certain successes, help develop regional collaboration, and identify community-specific needs as the Baker-Polito Administration continues its commitment to supporting local cities and towns. As of this year, all 351 cities and towns have signed Community Compact agreements.

The Community Impact Discussions will take place regionally across the state throughout the summer and fall of this year.

The Community Compact Cabinet's three grant programs – Best Practices, Efficiency and Regionalization, and IT – have served as engines for improving local services in all 351 cities and towns across Massachusetts. The 351 municipalities have chosen a total of 835 best practices, which include financial management, climate resiliency, and sustainable development and land protection. Over 50 municipalities have applied for a 2nd round Compact. A total of \$7.3M in best practice grants have been awarded since FY16. The IT grant program focuses on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology, and in the last three years, 144 grants totaling \$6 million were awarded to 201 municipalities. The Efficiency and Regionalization grant program provides financial support for governmental entities interested in implementing regionalization and other efficiency initiatives that allow for long-term sustainability, and over the last two fiscal years, \$4 million in grants have been awarded to more than 220 municipalities and school districts. In total, more than \$17M in grants have been provided to cities and towns under the Community Compact programs.

Formed in January 2015, the Community Compact Cabinet is chaired by Lt. Governor Polito and comprised of the secretaries of Housing & Economic Development, Education, Transportation, and Energy & Environmental Affairs, the Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services, the Assistant Secretary of Operational Services, and the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth. The Community Compact Cabinet elevates the Administration's partnerships with cities and towns, and allows the Governor's Office to work more closely with leaders from all municipalities. The Cabinet champions municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies, and develops, in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards and best practices for both the state and municipalities. The creation of Community Compacts creates clear standards, expectations and accountability for both partners.

For more information, or to apply for the program please visit: [www.mass.gov/ccc](http://www.mass.gov/ccc)

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